

March 22, 2016

The regular meeting of the Council of the City of Martinsville, Virginia, was held on March 22, 2016, in Council Chambers, Municipal Building, at 7:30 PM with Mayor Danny Turner presiding. Council Members present included: Danny Turner, Jennifer Bowles, Gene Teague, Mark Stroud and Sharon Brooks Hodge. Staff present included: City Manager Leon Towarnicki, Assistant City Manager Wayne Knox, Clerk of Council Karen Roberts, Community Planner Susan McCulloch, Finance Director Linda Conover, Budget Analyst Mary Prillaman and Police Chief Sean Dunn.

Mayor Turner called the meeting to order.

Following the invocation by Council Member Teague and Pledge to the American Flag, Mayor Turner welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Present a Proclamation honoring the Martinsville High School Boys Basketball Team for their accomplishments this past season and winning the Group 2A State Championship – Vice Mayor Bowles read the proclamation. L.D. Oaks and Tim Byrd presented the trophies to the coaches. Oaks said it was an honor to be a part of the Bulldog program. The players and students are outstanding and show good character. Byrd said this is a special group of men because of the type of men they are and the way they played on the court. Council Members presented the players with a trophy and a copy of the proclamation. Council presented a plaque to Yvonne Turner who has been to all fifteen state championship games. Coach Jeff Adkins said the players worked hard and never complained. He said it was a great honor to coach them and they represented Martinsville well. Vice Mayor Bowles said she was proud of them and that they didn't let a previous bad incident define them. She appreciates them and how well they've represented the community.



Proclamation

HONORING THE MARTINSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL VARSITY BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM

WHEREAS, Martinsville High School is a member of the Virginia High School League, competing in the Piedmont District with other local and regional teams in a variety of high school sports; and

WHEREAS, the Martinsville High School varsity boys basketball team completed an outstanding year, winning the VHSL Group 2A state championship on Saturday, March 12, 2016, defeating Greensville County by a score of 69 – 37; and

WHEREAS, the championship marks Martinsville High School's 15th state basketball championship out of 18 state finals appearances, both VHSL records; and

WHEREAS, team members are Jay Dandridge, Cameron Bradley, Zanthus Hairston, Jordan Turner, Aaron Martin, Keilan Carter, Devonnte Holland, JaQuice Sydnor, Malik Wallace, Justin Manns, Kenneth Lewis, Ryland Gayle, Akira Price, and Eric Bratcher; and

WHEREAS, Head Coach Jeff Adkins; Assistant Coaches Vincent Dandridge, Doug Hankins, William Hankins, and Jackie Dillard; Athletic Director Tommy Golding; Team Manager Larry Green; and all the team players are to be congratulated for their hard work, dedication, and outstanding achievement;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, on this 22nd day of March, 2016, that the Martinsville City Council hereby recognizes and commends the Martinsville High School varsity boys basketball team for their extraordinary achievement in winning the Virginia High School League Group 2A state championship and for being a source of pride for our entire community.

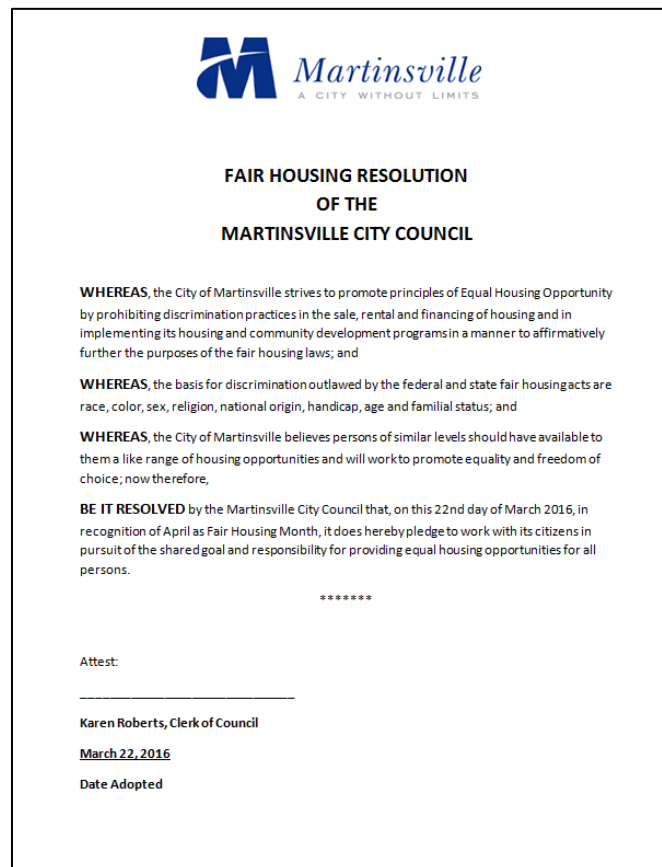
Danny Turner, Mayor

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Consider approval of minutes of the March 8, 2016 Meeting and March 9 Closed Work Session - on a motion by Teague, seconded by Bowles and with a 5-0 Council vote in favor to approve the minutes as presented.

Hear overview of March 21, 2016 Northside/Chatham Heights area Neighborhood tour and meeting – Council Member Hodge summarized the Northside/Chatham Heights tour and the Neighborhood meeting. City Manager Towarnicki said bids are out and the tank on Bethel Lane will be taken down by the end of June. Issues with 307 Grayson Street have been communicated with the County to hopefully resolve that issue.

Consider adoption of a Resolution recognizing April as Fair Housing Month and expressing the City's pledge to provide equal housing opportunities for all citizens – Wayne Knox explained that Fair Housing Month is annual in April. A motion was made by Vice Mayor Bowles to adopt the Resolution, Council Member Stroud seconded the motion and all Council Members voted in favor.



Consider setting a public hearing regarding a request from Gordon Metz for the abandonment of a section of Lester Lane and a remnant of a parcel acquired for the Liberty Street project – Susan McCulloch detailed the request received for the abandonment of property on Lester Lane. She explained the 6-0 vote held by the Planning Commission and their stipulations which have been agreed to by Mr. Metz. Staff recommends that City Council abandon locations as requested. Hodge questioned if there could be time frames added to the stipulations. A representative for Mr. Metz says that he is prepared to move

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forward as quickly as possible and agreed that a twelve month timeline would be acceptable. A motion was made by Council Member Hodge to set a public hearing, requesting that stipulations and the 12 month time frame be added. Council Member Teague seconded the motion and all Council Members voted in favor.



March 14, 2016

Mayor Danny Turner
City of Martinsville
55 W Church Street
Martinsville, VA 24112

Dear Mayor Turner,

On Thursday, November 12, 2015 at 2 PM in Council Chambers, the Planning Commission held a duly advertised Public Hearing to consider a request from Gordon R. Metz to abandon a portion of Lester Lane adjacent to 729 Lester Lane, being 30 foot wide and approximately 3,738 sq. ft. Mr. Metz desires the City abandon a section of Lester Lane, which encompasses approximately 3, 738 sq. ft. of public right-of-way. He proposes to combine this area of right-of-way with adjacent parcels which he owns (24, 25, 26, 27, 27B), along with parcels owned jointly with a partner (27A, 13A). These combined parcels would be prepared for future commercial development.

The Planning Commission voted unanimously (6-0) to approve the abandonment. However, there are several requirements stipulated in this recommendation. They are as follows:

- The applicant must work with Southwest Virginia Gas to help them access the gas line or relocate the line at the applicant's expense.
- The applicant must work with City Engineering on erosion and sediment issues and when finished, remove the excess dirt brought to the site and grade it to proper street level.
- That the applicant obtains the City-owned residual triangular parcel of land in conjunction with the abandonment of Lester Lane, which would include the payment that would be responsible for returning to the Commonwealth of Virginia for the land.
- The applicant would be responsible for removing the excess dirt brought to the site and grade it to proper street level.
- The applicant would be responsible for payment to the City on half the assessed value and subject to the filing of an appropriate map with – and the approval by – the Zoning Administrator, showing the area declared vacated, abandoned, and combined with the appropriate adjoining parcels, to be duly recorded in the office of the Clerk of Martinsville City Circuit Court.

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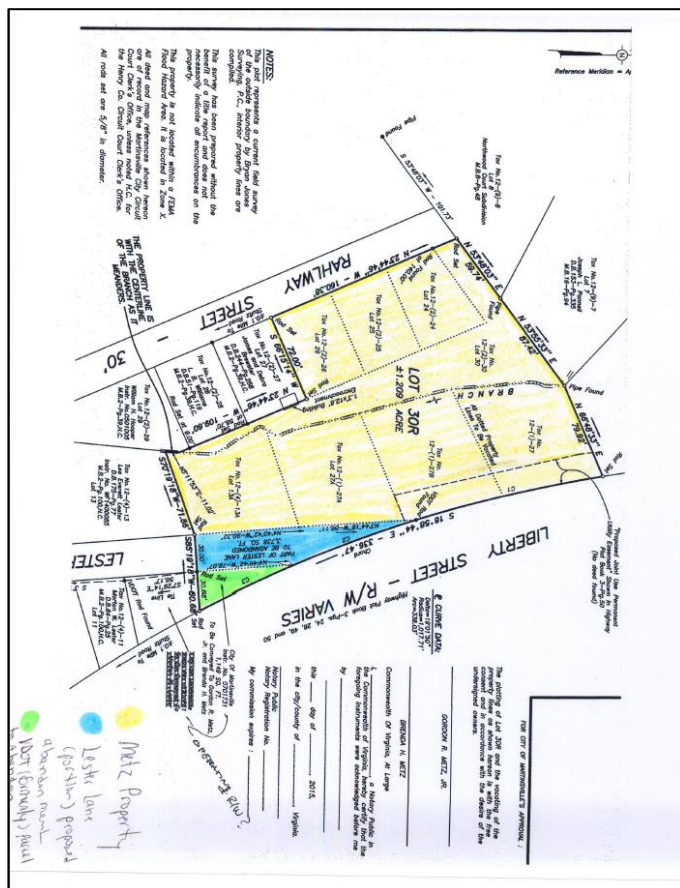
The Commission requests Council to schedule a public hearing to consider the abandonment of the parcels of land on the 700 block of Lester Lane.

Regards,

Tim Martin

Tim Martin
Chair, City of Martinsville Planning Commission

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Conduct a public hearing concerning the intention of City Council to propose for passage an Ordinance authorizing the issuance of not to exceed \$10,000,000 principal amount of water and sewer revenue bonds of the City of Martinsville, Virginia related to the City's sewer interceptor project – Towarnicki explained this is a required element to the financing process. Mayor Turner opened the floor up to anyone wishing to speak on this matter but no one came forward to speak.

Consider approval on second reading of an ordinance authorizing the issuance of up to \$10,000,000 principal amount of water and sewer revenue bonds of the City of Martinsville, Virginia and providing for the form, details, and payment thereof, related to the City's sewer interceptor project – Council Member Hodge made a motion to approve the ordinance, Council Member Teague seconded the motion with all in favor with a roll call vote: Mayor Turner, aye; Council Member Hodge, aye; Vice Mayor Bowles, aye; Council Member Stroud, aye; and Council Member Teague, aye. Towarnicki wanted to thank Paul Jacobson for his assistance on this project. Mr. Jacobson said staff deserves a lot of credit and financing is on schedule for closing on Friday March 25, 2016. Towarnicki said there is a second part to the loan. Mr. Jacobson said that part of the loan may not close until early next year.

CITY OF MARTINSVILLE, VIRGINIA

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF UP TO \$10,000,000
PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF WATER AND SEWER REVENUE BONDS OF THE CITY
OF MARTINSVILLE, VIRGINIA AND PROVIDING FOR THE FORM, DETAILS AND
PAYMENT THEREOF

Adopted on March 22, 2016 (second reading)

Be it Ordained by the Council of the City of Martinsville, Virginia:

Section 1 Definitions

Unless the context shall clearly indicate some other meaning, the following words and terms shall for all purposes of the Ordinance and of any certificate, resolution or other instrument amendatory thereof or supplemental thereto for all purposes of any opinion or instrument or other documents therein or herein mentioned, have the following meanings:

"Act" shall mean the Public Finance Act, Chapter 26, Title 15.2 of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended.

"Bond" or "Bonds" shall mean the City's Water and Sewer Revenue Bond, Series 2016, in the aggregate principal amount of up to \$10,000,000, authorized to be issued hereunder.

"Bond Counsel" shall mean Sands Anderson PC or another attorney or firm of attorneys nationally recognized on the subject of municipal bonds selected by the City.

"City" shall mean the City of Martinsville, Virginia.

"City Charter" shall mean the City Charter of the City of Martinsville, Virginia, as amended.

"Clerk" shall mean the Clerk of the Council or the Deputy Clerk of the Council.

"Commonwealth" shall mean the Commonwealth of Virginia.

"Council" shall mean the City Council of the City of Martinsville.

"Financing Agreement" shall mean the Financing Agreement between VRA and the City related to issuance of the Bond for the financing of the Project.

"Fund" shall mean the Virginia Water Facilities Revolving Fund.

"Mayor" shall mean the Mayor or Vice Mayor of the City.

"Paying Agent" shall mean the City Treasurer acting as Paying Agent for the Bond hereunder or the successors or assigns serving as such hereunder.

"Project" shall mean specifically the acquisition, construction, renovation and equipping of sewer system repairs, replacements, and capital improvements, all for the City's municipal purposes.

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"Registrar" shall mean the Paying Agent, or the successors or assigns serving as such hereunder.

"System" shall mean the City's water and sewer system.

"VRA" shall mean the Virginia Resources Authority, as administrator of the Fund.

Section 2 Findings and Determinations

The Council hereby finds and determines that (i) the City is authorized to acquire, construct, operate and maintain water and sewer systems in the City (together, the "System"), which System is a revenue producing undertaking of the City (ii) the City is in need of funds to be used for the purposes of financing capital improvements, specifically the acquisition, construction, renovation and equipping of the Project, including payment of costs of issuance of the Bond; (iii) the obtaining of such funds will be for municipal purposes of the City, for the welfare of citizens of the City for purposes which will serve the City and its citizens pursuant to the authority of the City to provide funds for and otherwise support the activities of the City and the City's municipal purposes; (iv) the most effective, efficient and expedient manner in which to provide such funds to the City is through the issuance of a water and sewer revenue bond, Series 2016, in an aggregate original principal amount not to exceed \$10,000,000 to be issued by the City as further described herein to be sold to VRA as administrator of the Fund, which has offered to purchase the same on certain terms and conditions pursuant to a commitment letter dated as of February 18, 2016 and the Financing Agreement (as defined herein); (v) the issuance of the Bond is within the power of the City to contract debts, borrow money and make and issue evidence of indebtedness; (vi) the Project constitutes a water or waste system within the meaning of Title 15.2, Chapter 51, Section 15.2-5101, of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended (the "Virginia Code") and a wastewater treatment (including sewage and wastewater collection) facility within the meaning of the term "Project" as defined in Section 62.1-224 of the Virginia Code, (vii) the Council desires to issue the Bonds under the provisions of the Act and the City Charter, and a duly advertised and conducted public hearing has been held with respect to the Bonds on March 22, 2016 and, (viii) the issuance of the Bond is in the best interests of the City and its citizens. The maximum length of time that the Bond will be outstanding is thirty years from the date of issuance of the Bond. The Council further hereby finds and determines that the probable useful life of the Project financed by the Bond is thirty years and that the Bond is payable and shall mature within the probable useful life of the Project.

Section 3 Authorization, Form and Details of the Bond

The Project, which shall constitute a part of the System, is hereby approved and the City is authorized to issue not more than \$10,000,000 principal amount of water and sewer revenue bonds, Series 2016 (the "Bonds") pursuant to the City Charter and under the Act. The Bonds shall mature no later than thirty (30) years from the date of their issuance and the Bonds shall not

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bear interest. The Bonds shall be issued in fully registered form, shall mature or be subject to mandatory sinking fund redemption on such dates and in such amounts as the City Manager or Assistant City Manager may approve and shall be subject to such optional and other redemption provisions as the City Manager or Assistant City Manager may approve. The proceeds from the sale of the Bonds shall be used to finance the Project.

The Bonds shall be issued to VRA, as administrator of the Fund, pursuant to the terms, conditions and provisions of this Ordinance and the Financing Agreement and upon such other terms as may be determined in the manner set forth in this Ordinance. The issuance and sale of the Bonds in one or more series from time to time in accordance with this Ordinance is authorized. The Bonds shall be in substantially the form herein, with such appropriate variations, omissions and insertions as are permitted or required by this Ordinance and by the VRA.

The Bonds shall be executed, for and on behalf of the City, by the Mayor or the Vice-Mayor of the City, either of whom may act, and shall have the corporate seal of the City impressed thereon, attested by the Clerk or Deputy Clerk of the City. The manner of execution and affixation of the seal may be by facsimile, provided, however that if the signatures of the Mayor or Vice Mayor are by facsimile, the Bonds shall not be valid until signed by the manual signature of the Clerk or Deputy Clerk. The Bonds shall be in substantially the form herein, with such variations, insertions or deletions as may be approved by the officer executing the Bonds on the City's behalf. The City Treasurer is hereby appointed as the Registrar for the Bonds.

"FORM OF BOND"

ISSUE DATE: _____, 2016

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA**

**\$10,000,000
Water and Sewer Revenue Bond, Series 2016**

THE CITY OF MARTINSVILLE (the "Borrower"), a public body politic and corporate of the Commonwealth of Virginia, acknowledges itself indebted and for value received, hereby promises to pay, solely from the revenues and other property hereinafter described and pledged to the payment of this Bond, to the order of Virginia Resources Authority (VRA), as Administrator of the Virginia Water Facilities Revolving Fund (the "Fund"), Richmond, Virginia, or registered assigns or legal representatives, the sum equal to the amount of principal advances made hereunder but not to exceed Ten Million and 00/100 Dollars (\$10,000,000.00), with interest on the disbursed and unpaid principal balance from the date of each disbursement until payment of the entire principal sum. This Bond shall not bear interest.

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Commencing on _____, 20____, and continuing semi-annually thereafter on _____ 1 and _____ 1 in each year, principal due under this Bond shall be due and payable in equal installments of \$178,571.43, with a final installment of \$178,571.35 due and payable on _____, 20____, when, if not sooner paid, all amounts due hereunder shall be due and payable in full provided however, that if principal advances up to the maximum authorized amount are not made, the principal amount due on this Bond shall not include such undisbursed amount. However, unless the Borrower and VRA agree otherwise in writing, until all amounts due hereunder shall have been paid in full, less than the full disbursement of the maximum authorized amount hereunder shall not postpone the due date of any semi-annual installment due hereon, or change the amount of such installment.

In addition, if any installment of principal is not received by the holder of this Bond within ten (10) days from its due date, the Borrower shall pay into the Fund, a late payment charge in an amount equal to five percent (5.0%) of such overdue installment. Principal is payable in lawful money of the United States.

No notation is required to be made on this Bond of the payment of any principal on normal installment dates. HENCE, THE FACE AMOUNT OF THIS BOND MAY EXCEED THE PRINCIPAL SUM REMAINING OUTSTANDING.

THIS BOND IS A LIMITED OBLIGATION OF THE BORROWER AND IS PAYABLE SOLELY FROM CERTAIN REVENUES TO BE DERIVED FROM THE OWNERSHIP OR OPERATION OF THE BORROWER'S WATER AND WASTEWATER SYSTEMS AS THE SAME MAY FROM TIME TO TIME EXIST, WHICH REVENUES HAVE BEEN PLEDGED PURSUANT TO THE FINANCING AGREEMENT (HEREINAFTER DEFINED) TO SECURE THE PAYMENT THEREOF. NEITHER THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA NOR ANY POLITICAL SUBDIVISION THEREOF, INCLUDING THE BORROWER, SHALL BE OBLIGATED TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL OF THIS BOND OR OTHER COSTS INCIDENT THERETO EXCEPT FROM THE REVENUES PLEDGED THEREFOR, AND NEITHER THE FAITH AND CREDIT NOR THE TAXING POWER OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA OR ANY POLITICAL SUBDIVISION THEREOF, INCLUDING THE BORROWER, IS PLEDGED TO THE PAYMENT OF PRINCIPAL OF THIS BOND OR OTHER COSTS INCIDENT THERETO.

This Bond is issued pursuant to the terms of the Financing Agreement between the Borrower and VRA dated as of March 1, 2016 (the "Financing Agreement") to evidence a loan by VRA to the Borrower to finance the Project Costs (as defined in the Financing Agreement). The obligations of the Borrower under this Bond and the Financing Agreement shall terminate when all amounts due and to become due pursuant to this Bond and Financing Agreement have been paid in full. Reference is hereby made to the Financing Agreement and any amendments thereto for the definitions and provisions, among others, describing the pledge and covenants

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securing this Bond, the nature and extent of the security, the terms and conditions upon which this Bond is issued, and the rights and obligations of the Borrower and the holders of this Bond.

The pledge of Revenues, as defined in the Financing Agreement, toward payment of the Bond in accordance with the terms of the Financing Agreement shall be on parity with the pledge of Revenues securing the Existing Parity Bonds, if any, as defined in the Financing Agreement and set forth on Exhibit F thereto. The Borrower may incur additional indebtedness secured by a pledge of the Revenues pursuant to the terms of the Financing Agreement.

Transfer of this Bond may be registered upon the registration books of the Bond Registrar. Prior to due presentment for registration of transfer, the Bond Registrar shall treat the registered owner as the person exclusively entitled to payment of principal and the exercise of all other rights and powers of the owner.

This Bond is subject to optional prepayment to the extent and on the terms set forth in the Financing Agreement.

If an Event of Default (as defined in the Financing Agreement) occurs, the principal of this Bond may be declared immediately due and payable by the holder by written notice to the Borrower.

Notwithstanding anything in this Bond to the contrary, in addition to the payments of the principal provided by this Bond, the Borrower shall also pay such additional amounts, if any, which may be necessary to provide for payment in full of all amounts due under the Financing Agreement.

All acts, conditions and things required by the Constitution and statutes of the Commonwealth of Virginia to happen, exist or be performed precedent to and in the issuance of this Bond have happened, exist and have been performed.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Borrower has caused this Bond to be signed by its Mayor or Vice-Mayor, to be attested by the Clerk of the City Council, its seal to be affixed hereto and to be dated as of _____, 2016.

CITY OF MARTINSVILLE, VIRGINIA

SEAL

By: _____
Name: _____
Title: Mayor

ATTEST:

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Clerk of the City Council

ASSIGNMENT

FOR VALUE RECEIVED the undersigned hereby sells, assigns and transfers unto _____ whose address for registration purposes is _____ the within Bond and all rights thereunder, and hereby irrevocably constitutes and appoints _____ to transfer the within Bond on the books kept for registration thereof, with full power of substitution in the premises.

Dated: _____ Tax I.D. No. _____
Transferee: _____

Signature Guaranteed

(NOTE: the signature above must correspond with the name of the Registered Owner as it appears on the front of this Bond in every particular, without alteration or enlargement or any change whatsoever.)

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SCHEDULE OF PRINCIPAL ADVANCES

The amount and date of principal advances not to exceed the face amount hereof shall be entered hereon by an authorized representative of the Virginia Resources Authority, as Administrator of the Fund, when the proceeds of each such advance are delivered to the Borrower.

Amount	Date	Authorized Signatures

If any Bond has been mutilated, lost, stolen, or destroyed, the City shall execute and deliver a new Bond of like date and tenor in exchange and substitution for, and upon delivery to the Registrar and cancellation of, such mutilated Bond, or in lieu of and in substitution for such lost, stolen, or destroyed Bond; provided, however, that the City shall execute, authenticate, and deliver a new Bond only if its registered owner has paid the reasonable expenses and charges of the City in connection therewith and, in the case of a lost, stolen, or destroyed Bond (i) has filed with the Registrar evidence satisfactory to him or her that such Bond was lost, stolen, or destroyed and that the holder of the Bond was its registered owner and (ii) has furnished to the City indemnity satisfactory to the Registrar. If the Bond has matured, instead of issuing a new Bond, the City may pay the Bond without surrender upon receipt of the aforesaid evidence and indemnity.

Section 4 Pledge of Water and Sewer Revenues

The Bond shall be a limited obligation of the City and, except to the extent payable from the proceeds of the sale of the Bond or the income, if any, derived from the investment thereof, is payable exclusively from the Revenues (as defined in the Financing Agreement) of the City's System which the City hereby pledges to the payment of the Bond pursuant to the terms of the Financing Agreement. The pledge of the Revenues securing the Bond shall be on parity with any Parity Bonds (as defined in the Financing Agreement) secured by such Revenues.

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Section 5 Application of Proceeds: Sale of Bond

Proceeds derived from the sale of the Bond together with other monies available therefor shall be used to pay the costs of issuance and for the purposes specified in Section 2 of this Ordinance and otherwise used in accordance with the provisions of this Ordinance or an opinion of Bond Counsel.

Section 6 Further Actions Authorized: Approval of Documents

The Financing Agreement will be in substantially the form presented to and filed with the minutes of the meeting of this City Council at which this Ordinance is being adopted. The form of the Financing Agreement and the terms, conditions and provisions thereof are hereby approved by this City Council, and the Mayor, or City Manager, any of whom may act, are hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver to the VRA the Financing Agreement in substantially such form, with such changes and amendments as the officer executing the same shall approve or as shall be necessary to satisfy VRA requirements, such approval to be conclusively evidenced by his execution and delivery thereof.

The Mayor, City Manager, City Finance Director, City Treasurer, City Clerk, bond counsel for the City and all other appropriate officers and employees of the City shall take all actions and execute all certificates and documents as shall be necessary to carry out the provisions of this Ordinance.

All other actions of City officials in conformity with the purposes and intent of this Ordinance and in furtherance of the issuance and sale of the Bonds as authorized herein are ratified, approved and confirmed. City officials are authorized and directed to execute and deliver all certificates and other instruments considered necessary or desirable in connection with the issuance, sale and delivery of the Bonds pursuant to this Ordinance and the Financing Agreement and to do all acts and things necessary or convenient to carry out the terms and provisions of such documents.

All ordinances, resolutions and proceedings in conflict herewith are, to the extent of such conflict, repealed. This Ordinance shall constitute the "Local Resolution" as such term is defined in Section 1.1 of the Financing Agreement.

Section 7 Invalidity of Sections

If any section, paragraph, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be held invalid or unenforceable for any reason, the invalidity or unenforceability of such section, paragraph, clause or provision shall not affect any of the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

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Section 8 Headings of Sections, Table of Contents

The headings of the sections of this Ordinance and the Table of Contents appended hereto or to copies hereof shall be solely for convenience of reference and shall not affect the meaning, construction, interpretation or effect of such sections of this Ordinance.

Section 9 Effectiveness and Filing of Ordinance

This Ordinance was presented to the Council and a public hearing concerning this Ordinance was held in accordance with applicable law by the Council at its meeting on March 23, 2016. The Council hereby declares that this Ordinance shall become effective upon its passage as provided for in the Act and pursuant to Section 3 of Chapter 3 of the City Charter. A certified copy of this Ordinance shall be filed by the Clerk with the Clerk of the Circuit Court of the City of Martinsville, Virginia. The filing of this Ordinance with the Clerk of the Circuit Court of the City of Martinsville, Virginia shall be deemed to be the filing of an initial resolution or ordinance with such Court for all purposes of the Act.

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The Members of the Council voted as follows:

Ayes

Nays

Absent

Abstentions

Adopted this 22nd day of March, 2016.

The undersigned Clerk of the City Council of the City of Martinsville, Virginia hereby certifies that the foregoing constitutes a true and correct extract from the minutes of a meeting of the City Council held on March 22, 2016, and of the whole thereof so far as applicable to the matters referred to in such extract. I hereby further certify that such meeting was a regularly called meeting and that, during the consideration of the foregoing ordinance, a quorum was present.

Dated this ____ day of March, 2016.

Clerk, City Council of
City of Martinsville, Virginia

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Consider a request by the Virginia Municipal League to submit nominations for membership on the VML 2016 Policy Committees – Following discussion on Council preferences, Bowles will serve on the Human Development and Education committee, Teague

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will serve on the General Laws Committee, Hodge will remain with Community and Economic Development, and Stroud accepted the Transportation Committee. Towarnicki and City Attorney Monday would fill in remaining committees on Finance and Environmental Quality.



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MAGAZINE
VIRGINIA TOWN & CITY

March 15, 2016

To: Key Officials of Full Member Local Governments
Council and Board Clerks of Full Member Local Governments

From: Kim Winn, Executive Director

Subject: 2016 VML Policy Committee Nominations

The Virginia Municipal League is now accepting nominations for its 2016 policy committees. Accompanying this document is a description of the policy committee process, along with a nomination form. Please complete the nominations form and return it to VML by April 15. If your community has an election in May, please return this form by the requested date even if you must revise it later.

Please observe the following guidelines when making your policy nominations:

- Only full-member local governments may participate.
- You may nominate two individuals to a committee; if two are nominated, at least one nominee must be a governing body member.
- Only governing body members and appointed officials (i.e., employees of the local government) are eligible to serve.
- Individuals may serve on only one committee a year.
- The chief administrative officer or mayor/board chairman must sign the nomination form.
- Please return nomination forms by April 15.

We will forward information about policy committee meeting times and location as soon as they are confirmed. Policy committee recommendations that emerge from the July meeting will be forwarded to the Legislative Committee for consideration at its September meeting.

Please call/email Janet Areson (804/523-8522, jareson@vml.org) if you have any questions about the appointment process.

Attachments

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VML 2016 Policy Committee Nominations

Please return this form by April 15 to Joni Terry at VML, P.O. Box 12164, Richmond, VA 23241; Fax 804/343-3758; email: jterry@vml.org

Community & Economic Development

Name & Title: Sharon Brooks Hodge, City Council Member

Name & Title: _____

Environmental Quality

Name & Title: Eric Monday, City Attorney

Name & Title: _____

Finance

Name & Title: Leon Towarnicki, City Manager

Name & Title: _____

General Laws

Name & Title: Gene Teague, City Council Member

Name & Title: _____

Human Development & Education

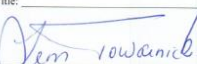
Name & Title: Jennifer Bowles, Vice Mayor

Name & Title: _____

Transportation

Name & Title: Mark Stroud, City Council Member

Name & Title: _____

Signed: 
(Mayor/Chair, or Manager/Administrator)

Locality: Martinsville, Virginia

VML's Legislative and Policy Committee Process

Each year the Virginia Municipal League develops two separate documents – a legislative program and a compilation of policy statements – through a process that involves the Legislative Committee and six separate policy committees. The Legislative Committee is responsible for developing the legislative program, but it may also rely on input from the policy committees to do so. The policy committees develop broad policy statements, in addition to submitting specific legislative recommendations for consideration by the Legislative Committee.

Legislative Committee

What is the role of the Legislative Committee?
The Legislative Committee is responsible for considering and developing positions on existing or proposed state and federal legislation or regulations, and urging the enactment or amendment of, or opposition to, such legislation or regulations.

How is the Legislative Committee appointed?
VML's Constitution spells out the composition of the Legislative Committee. The committee consists of 24 individuals holding local elective or appointed positions, all appointed by VML's President. Of the 24 members, 12 must be representatives of cities and urban counties with populations in excess of 35,000, six must be representatives of cities and urban counties with populations of 35,000 or less, and six must represent towns.

What is included in VML's Legislative Program?
The legislative program adopted by the Legislative Committee reflects specific legislative objectives that VML hopes to achieve during the upcoming legislative session. It is subject to the approval of VML's membership at the annual conference.

What is the relationship between the legislative committee and VML's policy committees?
The Legislative Committee meets prior to the policy committees to identify issues that it would like the committees to consider for potential inclusion in the league's legislative program. It meets again after the policy committees have met to consider their recommendations.

Policy Committees

What is the role of the policy committees?
Policy committees receive briefings on select statewide issues, consider possible changes to the policy statement, and develop legislative recommendations for the Legislative Committee to consider.

How are policy committees appointed?
Policy committee membership consists of elected and appointed officials of full-member local governments. Nomination information is sent in the spring to each locality, and each local government determines which of its officials will be nominated for each of the six policy committees. Each local government may nominate up to two people per policy committee, at least one of whom must be an elected official.

What are the benefits of serving on a policy committee?
VML policy committees offer members an opportunity to learn about current and emerging statewide issues that affect local governments, to develop thorough policy statements the broad philosophical framework that guides the league, and to network with local officials with similar policy interests.

How many policy committees are there?
There are six policy committees: community and economic development, environmental quality, finance, general laws, human development and education, and transportation.

What issues does each policy committee cover?

- **Community & Economic Development:** Authority, administration, and funding of local governments to manage a full range of community and economic development issues, including business development and retention, international competitiveness, infrastructure development and investment, planning, land use and zoning, blight, enterprise zones, housing, workforce development and historic preservation.
- **Environmental Quality:** Natural resources and the authority of local governments to manage the environment, including water resources and quality, solid and hazardous waste management, air quality and the Chesapeake Bay.
- **Finance:** Powers, organization and administration of local government financing, including taxing authority, debt financing, state aid to local governments and federal policies affecting local finance issues.
- **General Laws:** Powers, duties, responsibilities, organization and administration of local governments, including state-local and inter-local relations, conflicts-of-interest, freedom-of-information, information management and personnel, telecommunications, utilities and law enforcement, jails and courts issues.
- **Human Development and Education:** Management and funding of social services, pre-K-12 education, health, behavioral health, juvenile justice, recreation, rehabilitation and aging.
- **Transportation:** Development, maintenance, and funding of a comprehensive land, sea and air transportation system for the Commonwealth, and federal, state and local roles in the provision and regulation of transportation.

What is a policy statement?
Each policy committee develops a policy statement that covers issues in its respective area. The policy statement expresses the agreement of VML's membership on matters of interest to local governments. The statement generally addresses broad, long-term, philosophical positions. The VML membership approves the policy statements at its annual meeting.

How do policy statements differ from VML's legislative program?
Policy statements are general in nature. They reflect local governments' positions on a range of issues. The Legislative Program is more specific and immediate. It is limited to legislative positions that VML expects to lobby on during the upcoming legislative session.

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Hear information regarding GO Virginia and the designation of regional councils across the state – Towarnicki said this topic was discussed at length at the last meeting. He provided a packet of information from David Hoback detailing additional information for Council. It appears that Options 10, 11 or 12 would be most beneficial to the City. Council Member Hodge asked if Council wanted her and Vice Mayor Bowles to go along with that consensus or how would they prefer they vote as representatives of the City. Teague says he feels that the City would have a bigger voice if they are paired with Southside region instead of Roanoke but he is ok with either choice. Stroud agreed with that also. Hodge said there would be a meeting at West Piedmont Friday March 25, 2016 at 9:00am for any Council Members who wished to attend.

Consider approval of consent agenda – A motion was made by Teague and seconded by Hodge to approve the consent agenda as presented, all Council Members voted in favor.

BUDGET ADDITIONS FOR 03/22/16				
ORG	OBJECT	DESCRIPTION	DEBIT	CREDIT
FY16				
General Fund:				
01100909	490137	Recovered Costs - Public Safety		4,620
01331108	501207	Sheriff Corrections - Overtime-Maplewood	4,292	
01331108	502100	Sheriff Corrections - Social Security	266	
01331108	502110	Sheriff Corrections - Medicare	62	
		Recovery of Off-duty Coverage Law Enforcement		
01100909	490104	Advance/Recovered Costs		1,846
01331108	501300	Sheriff/Corrections - Part-time & Temporary Wages	1,380	
01331108	502100	Sheriff/Corrections - Social Security	86	
01331108	502110	Sheriff/Corrections - Medicare	20	
01331108	506008	Sheriff/Corrections - Vehicle Equipment & Maint.	276	
01331110	506200	Sheriff/Annex - Prisoner Allowance	84	
		Reimbursement from Henry County for litter pickup-February		
01102926	436401	Categorical Federal - Federal Confiscated Assets		11,196
01311085	506079	Police Department - Federal Asset Forfeitures	11,196	
		Federal Asset Forfeiture funds		
01101917	442811	Categorical Other State - VDOT Crosswalk Project		30,160
01413151	508220	Thorofare - Physical Plant Expansion	30,160	
		Crosswalk Project funding		
01101917	442402	Categorical Other State - Confiscated Assets - C Atty		270
01221082	506105	Comm Atty - Conf Assets State	270	
01101917	442401	Categorical Other State - Confiscated Assets - Police		780
01311085	506078	Police Dept - Conf Assets State	780	
		State Asset Forfeiture Proceeds		
Total General Fund:			48,872	48,872
Telecommunications Fund:				
111100909	490104	Advance/Recovered Costs		22,072
11315308	505233	Telecom-Outside Customers	22,072	
		Customer Reimbursements		
Total Telecommunications Fund:			22,072	22,072

Comments by members of City Council – Stroud said as he rides around he is struck by the beauty of the trees this time of year and he hopes that the dogwoods bloom before the race. This is a time of renewal and resurrection from the cold weather. He is proud to be a resident of Martinsville and Henry County. Teague mentioned doing educational videos with the SPCA on how to care for animals especially those in the City pertaining to City laws and utilizing Channel 22. He mentioned that two weeks from Sunday is the Martinsville race, there will be lots of people visiting the community and it's important to present yourself in the best light possible. Bowles encouraged residents to apply for City boards and commissions.

March 22, 2016

Turner explained that the funeral for Sgt. Raymond McMillian would be held on Saturday March 26, 2016 and detailed McMillians history before his disappearance. He asked for volunteers to honor Sgt. McMillian by holding flags. Anyone who would like to volunteer would need to be on Liberty Street immediately following the service at the funeral home. City flags will be flown at half-staff in honor of Sgt. McMillian. He offered residents a flag lapel pin to wear this weekend in honor of Sgt. McMillian and listed various locations where those could be picked up.

Comments by City Manager – Towarnicki explained how residents could apply for any City boards or commissions either by contacting the City Manager's office or applying online through the City website. He would like to schedule budget work sessions with tentative date of April 12 for Council to present the budget and ask for public hearing and approval on first reading. Thursday April 14th would work best for the schools and City utilities, especially electric. The following week Tuesday April 19th would be water/sewer and other department heads and Thursday 21st for any remaining departments and outside agencies. Work sessions would begin around 6:00-6:30pm depending on Council's schedules. Towarnicki asked that Council also reserve Wednesday May 4, 2016 for the Community Business Launch project beginning at 10:00am. There will be presentations of the awards for those receiving funding and he would like Council Members to be present if possible.

Business from the Floor (not televised) – Mr. Sidney Lee, 121 Sellers Street - wanted to thank the City employees for keeping Wilson Park clean and said it looks 100% better.

Jack Gardner and William Gardner were in attendance to achieve their Boy Scout communications badge and explained those requirements to Council.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Teague to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Hodge with all Council Members voting in favor. The meeting adjourned at 8:45pm.

Karen Roberts
Clerk of Council

Danny Turner
Mayor